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# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF HEALTH STUDIES AND THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION NEVADA OPERATIONS OFFICE FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS PROGRAM

## I. BACKGROUND

The Department of Energy (DOE) has funded and/or operated a program, known as the Marshall Islands Program, for more than 45 years. The program consists of three major elements and associated key activities; medical surveillance, referral, and treatment of Marshallese exposed and/or affected by radiological fall-out in 1954; radiological surveillance of populations representing Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utrik Atolls; and radiological evaluations of the environment and related dose assessments in the Northern Marshall Islands, for the purposes of assisting with the resettlement of the people. On March 27, 1990, a Secretarial Directive assigned the Marshall Islands Program to the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health. The program's functions are managed by the Chief Operating Officer, Office of Health Studies.

Historically, logistical support for these activities has been provided by the National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Operations Office (NNSA/NV) through its Management and Operating (M&O) contractors. The contract has been administered by NNSA/NV with Contracting Office (CO) authority. With the closing of its Pacific Area Support Office in Honolulu, the NNSA/NV will exercise its Marshall Islands Program support role and contracting oversight function through a Designated Official (DO) provided by the Office of Health Studies (EH-6) and located in Honolulu, Hawaii.

## II. PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) lays out and assigns the responsibilities and functions of EH-6 and NNSA/NV to: 1) ensure program effectiveness; 2) establish working relationships; and, 3) define operational and contractual logistic support and evaluation roles. This MOA describes the relationship and interfaces between EH-6 and NNSA/NV to ensure that contractor logistical support is provided to the Marshall Islands Program.

## III. GENERAL

Under this MOA, the points of contact shall be the Assistant Manager for Environmental Management, NNSA/NV, and the Chief Operating Officer (EH-6). The implementing officer for the program will be the Designated Official (DO) in Honolulu, Hawaii.

## IV. AUTHORITIES

EH-6 will provide policies and direction in the planning and execution of the program, and assure funding to NNSA/NV on a timely and regular basis for the logistical support operations. The NNSA/NV will provide contractor support to the extent requested within, providing

funding, for the logistical aspects of EH-6's medical, environmental, and scientific missions and activities in the Marshall Islands.

EH-6 will assign a Manager for Field Operations to Honolulu, Hawaii, at the DOE's facility at Hickam Air Force Base to provide daily operational, technical direction, and oversight of the activities and work requirements necessary to effectively accomplish logistical support to the program. All Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), interagency agreements, Marshall Islands Government MOU, at both national and local atoll levels, and Inter-Service Support Agreements (ISA) established in connection with the program, will be negotiated, maintained, and managed by EH-6.

NNSA/NV has the contractual authority and responsibility for the activities of Bechtel Nevada Corporation, its support contractor. All M&O issued sub-contracts, purchase orders, and like documents will be accomplished under NNSA/NV procurement authorizations with the DO fulfilling the role of program representative where required. NNSA/NV shall delegate DO authority to EH-6 through its Manager, Field Operations, Honolulu, Hawaii, for the management oversight and monitoring of the contractor's activities and performance. EH-6 shall implement the delegated contract management authority and appropriate departmental policy and guidance. Consistent with contractual authority, NNSA/NV may perform periodic surveillance, audits, and appraisals of its contractor's activities.

## V. PROGRAM FUNDING

This agreement shall not be used to obligate or commit funds or as a basis for the transfer of funds.

## VI. EFFECTIVE DATE AMENDMENT-TERMINATION

This MOA shall become effective upon the latter date of signature of both parties. It shall remain in effect for a 5-year term from the effective date unless otherwise terminated. This MOA may be amended by written agreement between both parties. The MOA may be terminated by the mutual agreement of both parties or by either party upon 60-day written notice to the other party.

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